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\$15,100 For Market Swine Sets Record, Creates Scholarship

VERNON ACHENBACH JR. Lâncaster Farming Staff HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) A record price paid Thursday for a Farm Show market swine resulted in the creation of a Farm Show youth educational fund.

During the annual sale of champion youth market animals in the Small Arena of the Farm Show complex, a syndicate of buyers raised the price of the market hog to \$15,100, not only almost doubling the old record price but setting up enough money to start a

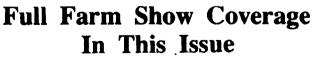
scholarship fund.

Of the three livestock champions, the market hog was first on the auction block. The price quickly soared to \$5,000, when auctioneer Harry Bachman, of Annville,

called for a pause.

Harry said he wanted the activity to slow down for a second. Then he explained that Mark Simmon, the youth owner of the grand champion hog said that if he could get \$5,000 for his champion swine, he would be willing to put the rest toward a scholarship fund.

After the announcement, the bids quickly shot above \$10,000



With extensive coverage in this issue of the events and shows that transpired at the 77th Farm Show in Harrisburg, you will also notice that Lancaster Farming is back on the regularly scheduled publication date. For the past several weeks (because of Christmas, New Year's Day, and an early publication day last week to beat the opening of the Farm Show) you may have received those issues a day or two early. But that was the exception and not the rule.

To introduce the farm show events in this issue, the photos on this page are as follows: on left side from top down, Supreme Champion Cow with Boyd Wolff, Crystal Schweighofer, Tom McCauley and Alan McCauley. Next Supreme Champion Horse, with Neal Buss, Abram Allebach, Gerald Allebach, and Richard Campbell. Next is the Coble Award, David Coble, Boyd Wolff, Robert Sickler, and Barbara Sickler. Next is Sale Hog with Robert Kilgore, Tony Dobrosky, Butch Clemmens, Bill Campbell, Mark Simmon, and Boyd Wolff. At top is Farm Women officers, Becky Swallon, Darlene Schmelts, Lois Hughes, Dorthy Strickler, Arlene Witmanm, Audrey Gilbert, and Janice Kress. Next is FFA Youth, Braden Elkin. And at bottom right is the Wool Breed Supreme Champion with Ben, Mary, and Benjamin Bow, and Melanie Horchler.

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